

one secretion enhancing peptide.--

q3 28. (Amended) The host cell of claim [22] 21, wherein said host cell is a bacterial cell and further expresses at least one secretion-enhancing peptide.--

#### REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended claims 16 and 28. Accordingly, claims 16-19, 21, 28-31, 39, 71 and 74 are now pending and under consideration in the present application. Applicants maintain that the above amendments raise no issue of new matter.

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition to be allowed and the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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